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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: OPERATION EXIT DOOR

REFERENCE: BOGOTA 1758

1. ON FEBRUARY 1, DEA ADMINISTRATOR BENSINGER REPLIED TO
AMBASSADOR VANCE'S DECEMBER 21 LETTER RE OPERATION EXIT
DOOR. WE QUOTE THE PERTINENT SECTIONS OF THAT LETTER.

QUOTE: PRELIMINARY STUDIES HAVE INDICATED THAT THE
ORIGINAL OBJECTIVE OF THE OPERATION, I.E., THE DEVELOPMENT
OF DRUG ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITY WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF
COLOMBIA TO CONTROL TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS ON ITS NORTH
COAST, WAS NOT REALISTICALLY ATTAINABLE. THEREFORE, THE
EMPHASIS AND THE STRUCTURE OF THE PROPOSED OPERATION IS
BEING ALTERED ACCORDINGLY. A FUTURE MEETING REGARDING
OPERATION EXIT DOOR IS BEING PLANNED. SPECIFIC PROPOSALS
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AND GUIDELINES WILL BE FORMULATED AT THAT SESSION.

IN SUMMARY THE DEA IS NOW RESTRUCTURING THE BASIC CONCEPTS
FOR OPERATION EXIT DOOR. AT THIS POINT, THE EXTENT OF
COLOMBIAN PARTICIPATION AND OF CCINC FUNDING REQUIREMENTS
IS UNKNOWN. THE DEA WILL KEEP THE S/NM ADVISED AS TO THE
PROGRESS OF THE PLANNING FOR IMPROVED COLOMBIA INTERDICTION

AND WE WILL WANT TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF YOUR ADVICE.END QUOTE

2. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL S/NM MADE ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES AND LEARNED THAT MIAMI MEETING IS STRICTLY A DEA IN-HOUSE SESSION INVOLVING THE MIAMI AND CARACAS REGIONAL OFFICES AND DEA HEADQUARTERS. AIM OF SESSION IS TO DECIDE IF THERE SHOULD BE AN EXIT DOOR OPERATION. CURRENT THINKING IS THAT SUCH AN OPERATION MIGHT FOCUS ON INTERCEPTS OF SHIPPING FROM LATIN AMERICA AND MOROCCO. IF THE COLOMBIANS ARE TO HAVE A ROLE IT WOULD BE LIMITED ONLY TO PROVIDING INTELLIGENCE.

3. S/NM HAS MAINTAINED POSITION THAT IF OUR FUNDING IS SOUGHT WE MUST BE BROUGHT IN ON EARLY PLANNING, AT WHICH TIME EMBASSY'S VIEWS AS EXPRESSED IN SHURTLEFF-CHESHES LETTERS OF OCTOBER 27 AND NOVEMBER 3 WILL BE BROUGHT INTO CONSIDERATION. DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO INSIST THAT AMBASSADOR BE FULLY BRIEFED AND HIS CONCURRENCE OBTAINED.
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